भी कुछ ऐसे महीने भी थे जिनमें तकनीकी/प्रचालनगत कारणों से संसाधन में कुछ कमी आई थी।

तेल के क्षेत्र में निवेश

*214. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह।
श्री गुफरान आजम।

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री 15 जुलाई, 1991 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 23 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने तेल के क्षेत्र में पूंजी निवेश करने के लिए विदेशों में रह रहे भारतीयों को आमंत्रित किया है, जैसा कि दिनांक 3 जुलाई, 1991 के "दि बिजनेस एण्ड पालिटिकल आब्जरवर" में प्रकाशित हुआ है, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) गैस और तेल निकालने के कार्य में लगी हुई अंतरा-ट्रीय और स्वदेशी कंपनियों की अलग-अलग संख्या कितनी है और पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उनके कार्य-निष्पादन का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) सरकार ने उत्पादन हिस्सेदारी संविदा के अधीन तेल और गैस के अन्वेषण के लिए बोली के चौथे दौर में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय और देशी कम्पनियों को, जिनमें प्रवासी भारतीय भी शामिल हैं, आमंत्रित करने का निर्णय लिया है।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अन्वेषण में दो भारतीय कम्पनियां यथा, तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग और आयल इंडिया लिमिटेड और छः अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कम्पनियां लगी हुई थीं। तेल प्राप्त न होने पर पांच अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कम्पनियां वापस हो गई हैं।

ONGC contract for gas exploration

*215. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission has awarded the ambitious Rs. 16 crores project for exploration of gas in Changer Talai area in Hamirpur district to M|s. Mahindra and Mahindra; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of the contract?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Not a contract for exploration but a drilling contract has been awarded to Mahindra and Mahindra for Jwalamukhi Project or any other location in Northern Regional Business Centre of ONGC. The contract is on daily rate basis for a period of two years for one rig.

Coal supply to consumers

*216. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that materialisation of rail programme of the coal supply to consumers is very much short of the allotments if so, what is the materialisation of the allotment of coal through rail programme in Western Coalfields during the last three years;

(b) whether it is fact that recently Western Coalfields have decided that 40 per cent of rail programme of the consumers can be issued for road release against consumers rail shortfall; if so, the manner in which the remaining unfulfilled quota will be disposed of;

(c) whether it is a fact that Western Coalfields Limited have recently given up old practice of accepting bank guarantee as a financial cover against sponsored or sanctioned quota of consumers; and they now insist on letter of credit by 100 per cent marginal value; and

(d) if so, what is the reason for this change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Materialisation of rail programme of coal supply to consumers is dependent on supply and loading of wagons. Daily average indent, allotment, wagon supply and loading materialisation in respect of Western Coalfields Ltd. (W. C. L.), in terms of four wheeler wagons for the last three years is given below:—

Year	Ident	Allotment	Supply	Loading/ Materialisation
1988-89	1428	1420	1276	1235
1989-90	1633	1531	1383	1338
1990-91	1894	1888	1650	1476

(b) No, Sir. In fact WCL has been directed recently by the Ministry of Coal that it should satisfy at least 50 per cent of the requirements of non-core sector consumers by rail or by road.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. WCL have informed that they have not stopped the practice of accepting bank guarantees as financial coverage for supply of coal against the sanctioned quota to the consumers.

Privatisation of tourism Industry

*217. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning for a comprehensive privatisation of tourism industry in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient featues of the scheme;

(c) whether the public sector hotels are also proposed to be given to private management; and

(d) if so, what guidelines have been laid down for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Tourism industry in the country is already substantially in private sector, therefore the question of preparing a comprehensive scheme for its privatisation does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government have yet to take a final decision in this regard.

Loan to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

*218. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central